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**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Customer No. 20277

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Confirmation No.: 8259

Serial No.: 10/754,518

Group Art Unit: 2814

Filed: January 12, 2004

Examiner: THAO X. LE

For: SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE, METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE

SAME, AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

## **ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

Mail Stop Amendment Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed

April 13, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire

May 13, 2005, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following Groups:

Group I - Claims 1-4 and 9-12, drawn to a semiconductor device; and

Group II - Claims 5-8, drawn to process of using product.

Applicants elect without traverse, Group I, claims 1-4 and 9-12 for initial prosecution on the merits. Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims 5-8, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

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Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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